

GENERAL ORDERS, }

No. 12. }

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, February 6, 1862.

The following orders are from the War Department :

The Department has been so frequently embarrassed by the action of General Officers of the Volunteer service, in appointing or giving acting appointments to persons to serve upon their staff, that it becomes necessary to issue a general notice to all whom it may concern, that no such appointments can be, or will be, recognised by the Government.

The President, alone, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, has power to make any appointment in the Army. To no General has he delegated any portion of this power. From the War Department, through the Adjutant General of the Army, all notices of appointment issue, and none other are valid.

The Assistant Adjutant General of every Division ; the Assistant Adjutant General, Assistant Quartermaster, Commissary of Subsistence, Surgeon, and Paymaster of each Brigade of volunteers will be regularly assigned to it from the Headquarters of the Army. Pending such regular assignment, the officer commanding the brigade or division is at liberty to detail for temporary duty, in any or each of these several capacities, some officer of his command. But he is not authorized, and hereby is expressly forbidden, to put any civilian, or person not amenable to the Articles of War, on such duty. Any future transgression of this rule will be treated as a disobedience of orders, and dealt with accordingly.

The utmost which is conceded by law and regulation, to any general officer, is the power to select, among the officers of his command, the regularly authorized Aides-de-Camp, to whose services he is entitled, in numbers not to exceed, and of grade no higher, than are designated in section 3, of the act, approved July 29, 1861.

But as to the additional Aides-de-Camp authorized by the act approved August 5, 1861, to Major Generals of the *regular* Army, when "commanding forces of the United States *in the field*," the case is different. Though the power to *recommend* such Aides-de-Camp for

VI..For the regiments of volunteers, organizing or organized, in the several States, and which are still under the direction of their Governors, application must be made to the Adjutant Generals of the States, respectively, and the latter will be supplied from this office on proper requisitions made by them, specifying the number of each kind wanted, and the number of each actually on hand. Quarterly returns must, in such case, also be made to this office, showing the number of each kind of book and blank on hand at date of last return rendered ; the number of each kind since received, and the number issued to each regiment, with date of issue. And when the regiments are ordered out of the State, a statement of all the books and blanks distributed to each should be forwarded, by the Adjutant General of the State, to the Headquarters of the Army to which the regiment is ordered, for file at the Headquarters of the Division to which it is assigned.

VII..To each regiment will be allowed the following books, viz :

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| 35 Regulations ; | 30 Target Practice ; |
| 35 Tactics ; | 35 Outpost Duty. |
| 30 Bayonet Exercise ; | |

VIII..The following will be considered a six-months' supply of blanks and blank books for a regiment : 1 Guard Report Book ; 1 Consolidated Morning Report Book ; 10 Company Morning Report Books ; 100 Consolidated Morning Reports ; 2 Lists of Rolls, Returns, &c., to be made out by Company Commanders ; 6 Field and Staff Muster Rolls ; 18 Field and Staff Muster and Pay Rolls ; 6 Muster Rolls of Hospital ; 18 Muster and Pay Rolls, Hospital ; 60 Company Muster Rolls ; 180 Company Muster and Pay Rolls ; 12 Regimental Returns ; 60 Company Monthly Returns ; 20 Returns of Men joined Company ; 6 Quarterly Regimental Returns of Deceased Soldiers ; 30 Quarterly Company Returns of Deceased Soldiers ; 2 Annual Returns of Casualties ; 40 Descriptive Lists ; 100 Non-commissioned Officers' Warrants.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McCLELLAN :

L. THOMAS,
Adjutant General.

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Assistant Adjutant General.